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                             HOUSTON DIVISION
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     UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
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                                  . HOUSTON, TEXAS
            vs.
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     THOR ALEXANDER MORRIS
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                       TRANSCRIPT OF REARRAIGNMENT
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                   BEFORE THE HONORABLE VANESSA GILMORE
                       UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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2	THE COURT: The United States of America versus Thor
3	Alexander Morris.
4	MS. ELMILADY: Suzanne
5	THE COURT: I'm sorry. For the United States.
6	MS. ELMILADY: Suzanne Elmilady. Good morning, your
7	Honor.
8	THE COURT: Good morning.
9	And for the defendant?
10	MR. CASE: For the defendant, Kelly Case, your Honor.
11	THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Case.
12	All right. Mr. Morris, I understand you wish to
13	enter a plea of guilty in the case now pending against you in
14	this court. Is that correct, sir?
15	THE DEFENDANT: I don't know, your Honor.
16	MR. CASE: Actually, your Honor, he has had a change
17	of heart. I learned this early it's hard for me to
18	remember Saturday or Sunday. So, I'm advising the Court he
19	would like more time to consider his options.
20	THE COURT: And we are set for trial today.
21	MR. CASE: Yes. I've explained this to him. I know.
22	THE COURT: This is your trial date. What do you want
23	to do? Are you asking for a continuance?
24	MR. CASE: Yes, we'll ask for a continuance based on
25	the defendant's request, your Honor.
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THE COURT: Okay. Do you have any objection? 1 10:48 2 MS. ELMILADY: Your Honor, I -- this is --3 THE COURT: It's not going to be a long continuance. 4 It's going to be, like, next week. 5 MR. CASE: I understand. 10:48 THE COURT: You're set for trial. That's considering 6 7 that the United States doesn't object. Otherwise tee it up 8 today, it's time for trial. 9 MS. ELMILADY: Your Honor, I don't object. It's a little -- one of those cases where we've worked so hard 10 10:48 11 together. It's a very extensive paper trail case with --12 THE COURT: Right. MS. ELMILADY: -- a lot of documents, lots of boxes. 13 14 THE COURT: Right. 10:48 15 MS. ELMILADY: And I've worked with the attorney closely on this, and it was my understanding that we were 16 17 moving forward to plea this morning, until this morning. And, so, with regards to trial, I'm the first one to announce ready; 18 19 but I had no idea we were not going to be ready this morning 20 for a plea. 10:48 So, I would -- I would -- as much as I would like 21 22 to not agree to a continuance, I would have to, just for my own 23 purpose of getting everything together in a presentable manner 24 for your Honor and for the jury, due to the fact that it is one 25 of those cases that involve a lot of paperwork. 10:49

10:49	1	THE COURT: A lot of paperwork?
	2	MS. ELMILADY: Yes, ma'am.
	3	THE COURT: On both ends?
	4	MS. ELMILADY: Yes, your Honor.
10:49	5	THE COURT: So, what have we got?
	6	Have you-all talked? Have you-all talked to this
	7	morning?
	8	MR. CASE: Yes, ma'am.
	9	MS. ELMILADY: I talked briefly with him, and he was
10:49	10	talking to his client. I literally got the message this
	11	morning that he wasn't going to plead this morning. And, so
	12	THE COURT: Okay.
	13	MR. CASE: I called my agent to have her here in
	14	the event we needed to go I don't know. Just to be safe.
10:49	15	THE COURT: When can we go to trial?
	16	MS. ELMILADY: I would I would need some time to
	17	organize all the paperwork. I would need I would request at
	18	least a month, your Honor, if that's possible. If not, that's
	19	okay. I'll work day and night on it to get it ready.
10:49	20	THE COURT: All right. How long is the trial going to
	21	be?
	22	MS. ELMILADY: I would suspect about three days,
	23	Judge.
	24	MR. CASE: I agree with that, Judge.
10:49	25	THE COURT: November 21 is a holiday. I was fixing to
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say I -- I was, like, thinking to myself isn't that Presidents' 1 10:49 2 Day. 3 Three days, you guys? 4 MS. ELMILADY: Yes, your Honor. 5 MR. CASE: I believe so, Judge. 10:50 6 MS. ELMILADY: And, your Honor, just so I give 7 your Honor a heads up on what's going to happen, there are 8 superseding charges that I did not file because I was working 9 with the attorney since November on a plea. And at this point, if we are going to trial, I just want to let your Honor know 10 10:50 that I will be superseding with at least two additional counts. 11 12 THE COURT: Okay. Then I need 30 more days after that. 13 14 MS. ELMILADY: Yes. I just realized I should probably 10:50 15 tell you that. 16 THE COURT: This is January the 18th. When are you 17 doing the superseding --MS. ELMILADY: I'll do that this next week or by next 18 19 Monday, for sure, I'll get it in. 20 THE COURT: Well, now tell me when for sure. Because 10:50 obviously, I need -- I mean, I need 30 days afterwards. So, it 21 22 won't be this week or next week, for sure. 23 MS. ELMILADY: Grand jury isn't really meeting very 24 often this week. So, I'm probably going to have to do it next 25 week, which would be January 26th. I can take it in then. 10:51

THE COURT: So, then that trial date, the February 1 10:51 2 21st date wouldn't work -- February 22nd, because that's not 3 more than 30 days. 4 Byron. 5 (Sotto voce discussion at bench with court staff) 10:51 THE COURT: All right. The new trial date is February 6 7 the 28th, 2011, at 1:30 p.m. 8 MS. ELMILADY: And, your Honor, I may just say -- oh, 9 sorry. I just wanted to add that, because I've been 10 10:52 working so closely with Mr. Case on this case, we've actually 11 12 reached an amicable agreement until this morning. The defendant, I believe, was probation eligible, and I wasn't 13 14 going to argue against it. And at this point I just want to put on the record that all my offers and amicable dealings that 10:53 15 I've dealt with with Mr. Case regarding these things, I'm not 16 17 going to be able to, once I start preparing for trial, go back and retract again. 18 19 THE COURT: Well, you know, I don't blame you. But I 20 mean --10:53 I know. I'm just letting him know 21 MS. ELMILADY: 22 because I've -- I've been working on this so hard and it's just 23 frustrating to be at this point. And for me have to not to be 24 ready in front of your Honor also --25 THE COURT: That's fine. We don't have a plea. 10:53

10:53	1	You understand I get to choose the sentence in a
	2	case like this. So, whatever discussions you guys have had,
	3	none of that would be applicable in a situation in which there
	4	might be conviction. Do you understand?
10:53	5	THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am.
	6	THE COURT: All right. As long as we're all straight.
	7	You-all don't have a deal. There's no pleas.
	8	MS. ELMILADY: No, no. I wasn't going to recommend,
	9	was my promise.
10:53	10	THE COURT: I know.
	11	MR. CASE: Judge, just I'm sorry to interrupt,
	12	Judge.
	13	THE COURT: Yes, sir.
	14	MR. CASE: But just to be clear, I would in an
10:54	15	overabundance of caution, like to make sure that Mr. Morris
	16	understands the consequences of what's happening today.
	17	THE COURT: Okay. Well, let me you want some help
	18	from me in that regard?
	19	MR. CASE: Well
10:54	20	THE COURT: That's fine.
	21	MR. CASE: Yes, that's fine.
	22	THE COURT: Yes. Yes.
	23	So, Mr. Morris, so, now, if you're not going to
	24	enter a plea and whatever discussions or deal or suggestion
10:54	25	that Ms. Elmilady would have made to the Court with respect to
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the appropriate range of punishment or appropriate punishment 1 10:54 2 in this particular case, any discussions along those nature or 3 any deal that you may have reached with her is off the table now, you understand, if this case is proceeding to trial, 4 5 right? 10:54 6 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am. 7 THE COURT: And you understand that if you're not 8 pleading guilty, that if you go to trial that you're entitled 9 to have a trial by jury and have a presumption of innocence with respect to the charges being brought against you in this 10 10:54 case. You understand that, right? 11 12 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am. 13 THE COURT: And, so, I've reset the case for trial for 14 whatever date that I said, February the 28th. You understand 10:54 15 that? 16 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am. 17 THE COURT: But you understand that if you are adjudged quilty in that proceeding that it will be my decision 18 19 and my decision alone what the appropriate sentence will be in 20 this case? 10:55 21 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am. 22 THE COURT: Okay. And that there won't be any plea 23 with any suggestion from the United States as to what the 24 appropriate sentence is? 25 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am. 10:55

THE COURT: You know if you go to trial you also do 1 10:55 2 not get any credit for acceptance of responsibility. There's 3 additional points that would be deducted if you pled quilty, 4 three additional points that would be deducted from your range 5 of punishment if you pled quilty; but you don't get any credit 10:55 for acceptance of responsibility if the case goes to trial. 6 7 You understand that? 8 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am. 9 THE COURT: Okay. I just -- your lawyer wants to make sure you understand how all that works so that there's no 10 10:55 11 confusion about it later on. You are entitled to a right -you have a right to trial, and there's absolutely no problem in 12 us setting the case for trial. And, so, that's what I am 13 14 doing. I'm resetting it for trial for February the 28th, 2011, 10:55 15 at 1:30 p.m. And there's nothing wrong with that. That is 16 exactly what we're here to do every day of the week. 17 Okay. Continuance is granted. MR. CASE: Thank you, Judge. 18 19 THE COURT: And I will see you guys on the 28th of 20 February. 10:56 21 MS. ELMILADY: Thank you, Judge. 22 MR. CASE: Thank you, your Honor. 23 (Recess was taken from 10:56 a.m. to 11:34 a.m. while other 24 matters came before the Court) 25 THE COURT: Please be seated. 11:34

11:34	1	I guess, you guys, come on up.
	2	MR. CASE: Good morning again, Judge.
	3	THE COURT: Good morning again.
	4	MS. ELMILADY: Sorry to make you come back, your
11:35	5	Honor.
	6	THE COURT: No.
	7	On US versus Thor Morris, where are we now, then,
	8	Mr. Case?
	9	MR. CASE: Your Honor, the accused has informed me
11:35	10	that he would like to change his plea from earlier today, from
	11	not guilty to guilty.
	12	THE COURT: He didn't actually plead today. I mean,
	13	he can change his mind, I guess, about deciding whether or not
	14	to enter a plea, I guess.
11:35	15	MR. CASE: I guess so.
	16	THE COURT: Yeah.
	17	MR. CASE: So, that's where we are.
	18	But, again, I would ask the Court to admonish him
	19	again, because I want to be sure he doesn't change his mind
11:35	20	again.
	21	THE COURT: Admonish him again? I'm getting to ready
	22	to do the entire admonishment. But, again, if he
	23	Do you want to enter a plea or not?
	24	THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am.
11:35	25	THE COURT: Okay. I'll go through the whole plea

11:35	1	process with you. Just a second. Just give me a minute.
	2	All right. I understand you wish to enter a plea
	3	of guilty in the case that's now pending against you in this
	4	court. Is that correct?
11:36	5	THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am.
	6	THE COURT: Before I can take your plea, I need to ask
	7	you some questions under oath. Raise your right hand to be
	8	sworn, please.
	9	THE CASE MANAGER: Do you solemnly swear the testimony
11:36	10	you'll give in this matter now before the Court will be the
	11	truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you
	12	God?
	13	THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.
	14	THE COURT: Do you understand, sir, that you're now
11:36	15	under oath and that if you answer any of my questions falsely
	16	that your answers can be used against you in another
	17	prosecution for perjury; that is, for telling a false
	18	statement?
	19	THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am.
11:36	20	THE COURT: State your full name.
	21	THE DEFENDANT: Thor Alexander Morris.
	22	THE COURT: How old are you?
	23	THE DEFENDANT: I'm 20 years old.
	24	THE COURT: I'm sorry. Say it again.
11:36	25	THE DEFENDANT: Twenty.

11:36	1	THE COURT: And how far have you gone in school?
	2	THE DEFENDANT: I'm currently enrolled in college. I
	3	graduated
	4	THE COURT: You need to speak up. I can't hear you.
11:36	5	THE DEFENDANT: Sorry. I graduated high school, and
	6	I'm currently enrolled in college.
	7	THE COURT: Where are you in college?
	8	THE DEFENDANT: At Coastal Carolina Community
	9	College
11:36	10	THE COURT: Okay.
	11	THE DEFENDANT: in North Carolina.
	12	THE COURT: All right. Have you ever been treated for
	13	any mental illness or addiction to narcotic drugs of any kind?
	14	THE DEFENDANT: No, ma'am.
11:37	15	THE COURT: Are you currently under the influence of
	16	any medication, alcoholic beverage, or narcotic drug of any
	17	kind?
	18	THE DEFENDANT: No, ma'am.
	19	THE COURT: Have you received a copy of the
11:37	20	indictment; that is, the charges that are pending against you
	21	in this case?
	22	THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am.
	23	THE COURT: Have you had a chance to go over those
	24	charges with your lawyer, Mr. Case?
11:37	25	THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am.
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11:37	1	THE COURT: Are you satisfied with the counsel and
	2	representation that your lawyer has provided to you?
	3	THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am.
	4	THE COURT: Do you need any additional time to speak
11:37	5	with your lawyer, talk with your lawyer today before I take
	6	your plea?
	7	THE DEFENDANT: No, ma'am.
	8	THE COURT: Mr. Case, have you had sufficient time to
	9	investigate the law and the facts concerning the case against
11:37	10	your client?
	11	MR. CASE: Yes, ma'am, I have.
	12	THE COURT: Has he been able to cooperate with you in
	13	every way?
	14	MR. CASE: Yes, ma'am.
11:37	15	THE COURT: Do you believe he understands the nature
	16	of the charges pending against him?
	17	MR. CASE: I do, your Honor.
	18	THE COURT: Do you believe that he's competent to
	19	enter a plea of guilty?
11:37	20	MR. CASE: I do, your Honor.
	21	THE COURT: Do you know of any reason why he should
	22	not plead guilty, of any meritorious defenses that he might
	23	have to the charges pending against him?
	24	MR. CASE: I do not, your Honor.
11:37	25	THE COURT: Is there any plea agreement in this case,

Ms. Elmilady? 1 11:37 2 MS. ELMILADY: There is not, your Honor. 3 THE COURT: All right. And, Mr. Morris, has anybody 4 made any promise or representation to you of any kind to induce 5 you to enter into a plea of guilty? 11:38 6 THE DEFENDANT: No, ma'am. 7 THE COURT: Has anybody tried to force you to plead 8 guilty? 9 THE DEFENDANT: No, ma'am. THE COURT: Do you understand the offense to which you 10 11:38 11 indicated you wish to plead guilty is a felony offense and that 12 if you are adjudged quilty of that offense that that adjudication could deprive you of valuable civil rights, such 13 14 as the right to vote, the right to hold public office, the 11:38 15 right to serve on a jury, the right to possess a firearm of any 16 kind? 17 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am. THE COURT: The maximum possible penalty provided by 18 19 law for the crime to which you've indicated you wish to plead 20 quilty is a term of imprisonment of not more than five years 11:38 and a fine of up to \$250,000. Do you understand? 21 22 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am. 23 THE COURT: Do you understand that the Court can also 24 impose a period of supervised release, following any term of 25 imprisonment, of up to three years; that if you should violate 11:38

any of the terms or conditions of supervised release then you 1 11:38 2 can be imprisoned for up to two years without any credit for 3 the time already served before that violation occurred? 4 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am. 5 THE COURT: Do you understand -- Ms. Elmilady, what's 11:39 the deal? Is this a probatable offense or not? 6 7 MS. ELMILADY: I believe so, your Honor, it is. 8 MR. CASE: Yes, it is, your Honor. 9 MS. ELMILADY: Yes, your Honor. 10 THE COURT: What's the answer to my question? 11:39 11 MS. ELMILADY: Yes, ma'am. Yes, your Honor. Due to 12 his criminal history and the range of punishment it falls 13 under, it is a probatable offense. 14 THE COURT: Okay. Do you understand that you cannot 11:39 15 have your sentence suspended and that you are not eligible for 16 parole? 17 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am. THE COURT: Do you understand, for each offense, you 18 19 must pay a special assessment of \$100; that is, \$100 for the one count of conviction in this case? 20 11:39 21 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am. THE COURT: The sentencing commission has issued 22 advisory guidelines for judges, to help us determine the 23 24 sentence in a criminal case. Have you talked to your lawyer 25 about how the sentencing guidelines might work in your 11:39

11:39	1	particular case?
	2	THE DEFENDANT: No, ma'am. But I feel I have I
	3	understand the law enough.
	4	THE COURT: What does that mean?
11:39	5	THE DEFENDANT: I'm sorry. Google?
	6	THE COURT: He didn't talk to you about the sentencing
	7	guidelines?
	8	MR. CASE: I've given him the range. I didn't sit
	9	down and go through the table with him; but he understands the
11:40	10	range of punishment, Judge.
	11	THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
	12	MR. CASE: Is that correct?
	13	THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
	14	THE COURT: Okay. You understand that I won't be able
11:40	15	to determine the appropriate sentence for your case until after
	16	a presentence investigation report has been prepared and you
	17	and your lawyer and the lawyer for the United States have had a
	18	chance to review that report and make any objections to that
	19	report that you might want to make?
11:40	20	THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am.
	21	THE COURT: You understand that the sentence that I
	22	impose might be different from any estimate that your lawyer
	23	may have given to you?
	24	THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am.
11:40	25	THE COURT: Do you understand that after it's been

determined what guidelines apply in this case that I have authority to impose a sentence that is more severe or less severe than what is called for under the guidelines?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am.

THE COURT: Do you understand that, under some circumstances, you or your lawyer will have the right to appeal any sentence that I impose?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am.

THE COURT: Do you understand that parole has been abolished in the federal system and that, if you are sentenced to prison, you will not be released on parole?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am.

THE COURT: Do you understand that if the sentence is more severe than you expected that you will still be bound by the plea and you will have no right to withdraw it?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am.

THE COURT: Do you understand that you have the right to plead not guilty to the offense charged against you and to persist in that plea and, if you did so, you would have the right to a trial by jury and at that trial you would be presumed to be innocent and the government would have to prove your guilt beyond a reasonable doubt and you would have the assistance of counsel for your defense and the right to see and hear all witnesses and have them cross-examined in your defense and the right on your own part to decline to testify, unless

you voluntarily elected to do so, in your own defense and, if 1 11:41 2 3 4 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am. 5 11:41 6 7 8 9 described to you? 10 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am. 11:41 11 12 13 14 11:42 15 16 17 access device. 18 19 20 that you've done to violate the law, sir? 11:42 21 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am. 22 THE COURT: Did you commit this crime? 23 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am. 24 THE COURT: Ms. Elmilady, would you please make a 25 representation concerning the facts that you would be prepared 11:42

you decided not to testify or put on any evidence at all, that that fact could not be used against you in trial? THE COURT: Do you understand that by entering a plea of quilty that if that plea is accepted by this Court that you will have waived or given up the right to trial by jury and all of the other rights associated a trial by jury that I have THE COURT: The charge to which you've indicated you wish to plead quilty is under Count 1 of the indictment, fraud and related activity in connection with computers, the elements of which are that you knowingly and with intent to defraud attempted to access a protected automated teller machine without authorization and, by means of such conduct, intended to defraud and attempted to obtain money from said protected Do you understand what the government is claiming to prove if this case were to proceed to trial?

MS. ELMILADY: Yes, your Honor.

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If this case were to go to trial, the United States would prove, beyond a reasonable doubt, that this defendant, on April 22nd of 2010, traveled from Jacksonville, North Carolina, to Houston, Texas, and Sergeant A. Noel Due, acting in an undercover capacity as Leo, picked up the defendant at the airport.

The defendant stated that he did not bring any prepaid debit card that could be used to withdraw money upon arrival of the target ATM and needed to go to Wal-Mart to put money on a card prior to traveling to the first ATM to commit the intrusion. In the Wal-Mart parking lot Morris changed clothes, putting on a white button-down shirt with a design pattern, another pair of blue jeans, white shoes, a baseball cap, and a black wig in which he called his "Rick James" wig.

Defendant Morris and Sergeant A. Noel, also known as Leo, in his undercover capacity still, went into the Wal-Mart where Mr. Morris purchased a Wal-Mart Green Dot prepaid debit card for \$3 and charged on the card \$410. The defendant explained that the purpose of this was to have a \$400 to, quote, unquote, withdraw the money from the ATM fee in order to commit the intrusion.

He then registered -- registered his card under walmartmoneycard.com under the name of Barack Obama. The

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defendant intended to gain unauthorized access at 35 ATM machines which he requested Noel Due, in his undercover capacity as Leo, to identify. And they were going to take between 250,000 and 350,000 dollars throughout the day.

On April 22nd, upon arrival at the Mercado 6 shopping center, the defendant walked up to the ATM, he typed in a specific code which resulted in the defendant being able to access the "Enter Password" screen.

The defendant then made three attempts to enter the default password which he had access to and that -- and allowed him to gain unauthorized administrator access and to complete the ATM function -- and to all -- access to all ATM functions. He then attempted to gain unauthorized access by entering another password which he had acquired and that he learned through his knowledge and his research.

Subsequently, the FBI at this point interrupted the defendant and arrested him without incident. At this point, unauthorized access was obtained; and he was not permitted to get into the main frame or even to attempt to enter the password at that point.

The FBI has an expert that will come in here and testify that the ATM was in working capacity at the time and that, if Mr. Morris had attempted -- had fully -- did this intrusion on this day, the intrusion would have been completed and would have been successful and he would have stolen money

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that he did not have permission to take.

THE COURT: All right. Mr. Morris, you've heard the facts that the government has indicated it would be prepared to prove against you if this case were to proceed to trial. Having heard those facts, sir, how do you now plead to the charges pending against you: guilty or not guilty, sir?

THE DEFENDANT: Guilty, your Honor.

THE COURT: All right. Then, it is the finding of this Court in the case of the United States of America versus Thor Morris that the defendant is fully competent and capable of entering an informed plea, that the defendant is aware of the nature of the charges and the consequences of his plea, that his plea of guilty is a knowing and voluntary plea supported by an independent basis in fact, containing each of the essential elements of the offense. This plea is therefore accepted, and the defendant is now adjudged guilty of the offense charged in Count 1 of the indictment.

The Court orders that a presentence investigation report be prepared. By May 22nd -- I mean, by February 22nd -- I'm sorry -- the initial report should be disclosed to counsel. By March 8, counsel should object in writing or state there is no objection. By March 22, 2011, the probation officer shall submit to the Court a final presentence report with an addendum addressing any contested issue.

Sentencing is set for May 9, 2011, at 9:30 a.m.

11:46	1	Mr. Case, if you want to be present with your
	2	client for his interview, please let probation know today
	3	before you leave.
	4	MR. CASE: Yes, your Honor.
11:46	5	THE COURT: Anything else from the United States?
	6	MS. ELMILADY: Nothing from the United States.
	7	THE COURT: Anything else from the defense?
	8	MR. CASE: Nothing from the defense, Judge. Thank
	9	you.
11:46	10	THE COURT: Thank you. You-all are excused.
	11	(End of requested proceedings)
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